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Opening Day 2014



*Above:
Life Member
Gordon Lowry puts down the
first bowl of the season.*

*Left:
Ladies' Club Champion,
Shirley Bell, rolls the first jack.*



President's Report



**'AS ALL OF
YOU WOULD
HAVE
NOTICED,
OUR CLUB
COLOURS
ARE NOW
PROMINENT'**

Spring is in the air, the birds are busy building their nests and the best news is that at last the new bowling season is starting.

First of all, I welcome all the new bowlers to our club; I am sure our members will give them all the assistance and encouragement that is required to ensure they settle in and enjoy their journey at Narre Warren Bowls Club.

We have some members who, at this point in time, are unfortunately not experiencing the best of health; I wish them a speedy recovery and encourage them, whenever possible, to come to the club and enjoy the fellowship as there are no strangers at our club - only friends.

Unfortunately, some members have retired from bowls, and others decided to bowl at alternative clubs. I wish them well, whatever their reason, for moving on.

The Board has been very active in its endeavour to give the club a more modern appearance; as all of you would have noticed, our club colours are now prominent.

From all reports, our Opening Day was judged a success, but as we are well aware, any event does not just happen; I must thank our Secretary, **Reg**, for the tremendous effort he put in to ensure everything not only went well but, importantly, on time.

While in attendance at our Opening Day, **Cr Sam Aziz** announced that Council funding for our barbecue gazebo was approved; construction is expected to commence soon.

To **Ian** and his committee (bar,

greens and surrounds) a big thank you; the presentation was to your usual excellent standard.

In discussion with **Ian** regarding green B, it is to be hoped it will be ready to play on early in the pennant season.

To **Judy** and her catering committee, as I said on Opening Day, leave it to **Judy** and her committee and it will be to the standard expected of our club; my personal thanks, ladies - an excellent job, well done.

Our bowls committee has established an excellent program for this season, and its success is dependent on your support.

I believe **Arthur Scheurer** should be commended for his commitment to coaching at the club; the number of members attending his sessions can only benefit the bowlers and the club in general.

Again our social committee has been busy programming events - their success is again up to the support of members.

Last, but not least, our selectors - this dedicated committee spends hours to ensure what is best for the club and the bowling members - they deserve your full support.

I believe we have an excellent cartel of hard-working committees which believe in our club and strive for its success.

There is still much to do at the club, and I implore all of you (club members) to get behind the relevant committees and give them your full support.

To each and every one of you, I wish you good bowling for season 2014/15

Kerry Davis - President

Secretary's Report

I would like to reflect on what happened in your club over the past several months, starting with the Presentation Breakfast and AGM.

Presentation Breakfast

On 4 May 2014, approximately 60 members were in attendance, and the catering and bar committees, as usual, lived up to their high standards. The members later welcomed the club champions and other winners for season 2013/14, who received their hard-earned trophies.

AGM

All of the above stayed, and several members who could not attend the breakfast made the numbers for our AGM one of the best attended for some time, and outgoing President **Peter Rouse**, Secretary and Treasurer all presented their reports. The Secretary presented a special resolution for Life Membership be conferred on members Dot Farrell and Gordon Lowry, and the members all voted in favour. This was followed by the election of the new Office Bearers for 2014/15, and incoming President **Kerry Davis** was welcomed to the chair by the members.

RSA

On 4 June, a Responsible Serving of Alcohol course was conducted at the club rooms, and the following members attended and passed: **Wilma** and **Gordon Haringsma**, **Micki Horton** and **Reg Johnstone**. These extra hands, hopefully, will ease the workload on **Ian Brotherton** and the Bar Committee.

July

Council approved a grant to erect a Centenary Verandah over the barbecue area, and we expect this to be completed by Christmas.

August

Opening Day on 30 August was a great success, starting with entertainment by singer **Daryl Hayward**, who offered his services free with the hope of future engagements, and he was well received by all the members and guests.

The day was greatly supported by all members, with more than 90 in attendance for the opening of the greens, followed by bowls, then afternoon tea with our official guests **Judith Graley**, State Member for Narre Warren South, **Luke Donnellan**, State Member for Narre Warren North, **Sam Aziz**, Springfield Ward Councillor, City of Casey, who told members about Council's grant for the cover over the barbecue area.

Thank you to the ladies for the afternoon tea; it was up to your usual great standard.

The Greens and Surrounds, Ian and the Bar Committee,

along with others – well done.

The outside painting of sheds, seats and other areas is now finalised, and the effect on the place is like a breath of fresh air, so please do not put your bags on the seats.

On behalf of the club, I attended a function organised by Deputy Mayor **Cr Stapledon** and Victorian State Government for a presentation by the Minister for Crime Prevention of a 'graffiti removal kit' to be kept at our club. Hopefully, we will never have to use it. Many thanks to Amanda Stapledon.

Unfortunately the club has lost several members this year, to either retirement or going to another club for various reasons, namely: **Graeme Manifold**, **Brad Potter**, **Leon Brown**, **John Hickman**, **Jack Scanlon**, **John Schwennesen**, **Alan McGann**, **Neville Bell**, **Ken Harrison**, **Alister White**, **Russell Green**, **Shannon Micallef**, **Brenda** and **Stuart Proctor**, **Marcel Duval**, **Ralph Devonshire** and **Alan Mark**.

On the other side, we welcome the following new members to our club: **Wilma** and **Iain Stevenson**, **Arthur Scheurer**, **Peter Lister**, **Ian** and **Keryn McCluskey**, **Peter** and **Marion Groom**, **Stan** and **Zade Bulmer**, **Travis Moore**, **Callum Osbourne**, **Jack Castricum**, **Steven Boyd** and **Alan Dawson**.

Also joining as social members were **Lyn Davis** and **Michelle Moore**, and there were several members who transferred from full to social membership.

With any sort of luck, we should have the website up and running before Christmas, as several members have enquired at what stage it is – more later.

Also, the club is now part of the new Casey Bowls Division, but remains within the Peninsula Bowls Region. This new division is made up of the following Clubs: **Carrum**, **Cranbourne**, **Cranbourne RSL**, **Cardinia Waters**, **Hampton Park**, **Narre Warren** and **Pakenham**. The major office bearers for 2014/15 are: President, **Reg Johnstone** and Secretary, **Peter Bowman**, both from Narre Warren Bowls Club. The object of the new division is to run our own qualifying rounds for state titles, which will cut down travel for these events, and this has already been shown by the number of entries received to date. It also allows the above clubs to voice concerns raised by members at club level on bowls and administration problems to region, with a better voice than was under the previous setup.

Wishing all a successful 2014/15 season.

Reg Johnstone, *Secretary NWBC*.



Opening Day

What a great day! Beautiful weather, a good turnout, a very good entertainer, yummy food and lovely guests.

The guest table comprised **Geoff Miller, Peter Bowman, Judith Grayley, Kerry Davis, Sam Aziz, Luke Donnellan** and **Reg Johnstone**. Unfortunately, **Sandra Lapham** was unable to attend due to ill health. Another honoured guest was Life Member, **Gordon Lowry**. Also coping with ill-health on the day was our other Life Member, **Dot Farrell**. The club wishes both these ladies a speedy recovery.

Local entertainer **Darrel Heyward** played keyboard and sang all day, and really helped the atmosphere. If anyone is looking for some entertainment at their next function, Darrel is certainly the one to book.

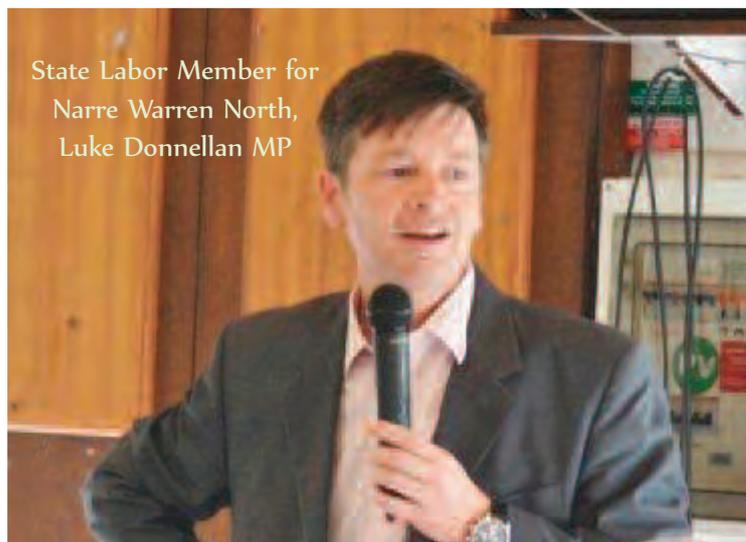
For a change at such functions, the speeches were succinct, informative and entertaining, without all the chest beating usually associated with politicians. We are lucky to have such a good mob in our area; they all do their best for the club, and it is really appreciated.

As usual, **Judy Naughton** and her crew put on a mouth-watering spread, which disappeared at a speedy rate. Fortunately, they know us of old, and ensured there was plenty.

I generally like to give credit by name, but there were so many members who put in their time in so many ways, I know I would miss someone out. So, this time, I shall just say a very grateful thank you to all helped, both inside and out.

Micki Horton, *Editor*

State Labor Member for
Narre Warren North,
Luke Donnellan MP



State Labor for
Narre Warren South,
Judith Grayley

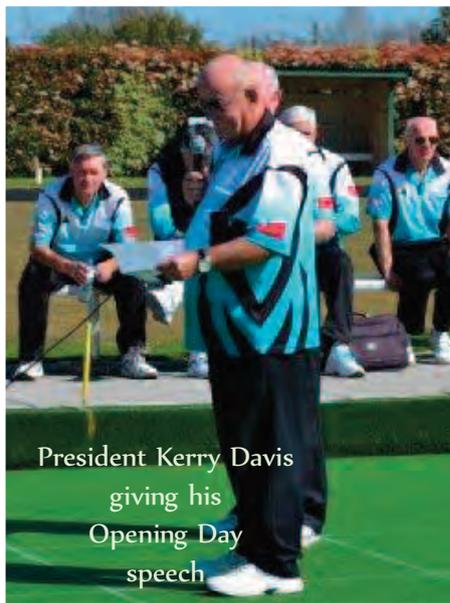


Casey Councillor for
Springfield Ward,
Sam Aziz





The Opening



President Kerry Davis giving his Opening Day speech



Judith Graley presenting Shirley Bell with her club champion trophy
Our 'spectators', from left:
Maureen Moore (mother of Travis),
Trish Miller, Denise Cole
and Kery Cadman



Reg Johnstone presents Glen Cadman with his 'OBE'.



Indoor Bowls

President's Report for Season 2014

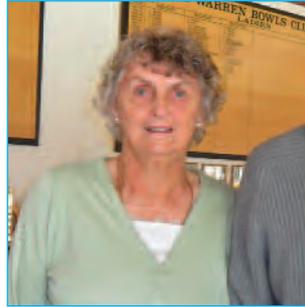
This season, we had 20 pennant-registered players with South Group Indoor Bias Bowls, although many more played in our Tuesday and Sunday social games.

We entered three teams, one each in Divisions 1, 2 and 5.

Division 1, unfortunately, achieved only four wins to 10 losses, while Division 2 managed only one win, two byes and 11 losses. Our stars this year were Division 5, with an excellent result of eight wins, two losses, two byes and two walkovers. This group finished top of the home-and-away ladder, but let the big one go in the finals, to come second.

Intra-Club Championships

The Ladies' Singles winner was **Enid Gibb**, with **Mary Payne** runner up. Keeping it in the family, the Men's Singles was won by **Eddie Gibb** against **Sep van Maanen**. The Aileen McKenzie Pairs was won by **Judy Naughton** and **Walter Verbolle** who defeated **Enid Gibb** and **Val Herring**.



South Group Results

On 25/4/14 **Enid** and **Eddie Gibb** contested the Mixed Pairs, coming runners-up and, on 31/5/14, Enid was runner-up in the Ladies' Singles.

In June, **Mary Payne**, **Micki Horton**, **Judy Naughton** and **Dot Farrell** won the Ladies' 4s, with runners-up being **Wilma Haringsma**, **Ethel van Maanen**, **Doris**

Christofferson and **Yvonne van Wees**, in an amalgamated team, second.

Enid Gibb lost in the semi-final of the Champion of Champions to **Rhonda Spencer**, and in the Ladies' Pairs **Micki Horton** and **Judy Naughton** were runners-up.

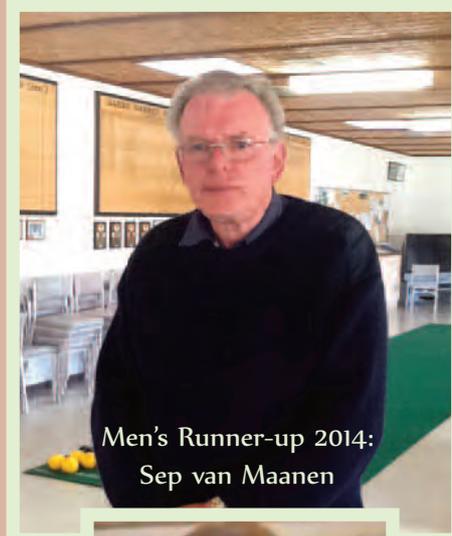
Congratulations to all who participated in the Tuesday and Sunday social bowls, and the Thursday pennant games.

Thanks to every member who helped to make these days enjoyable.

Enid Gibb - *President*



Club Champions 2014: Enid and Eddie Gibb



Men's Runner-up 2014:
Sep van Maanen



Ladies
Runner-up 2014:
Mary Payne



South Group Mixed Pairs runners up: Eddie and Enid Gibb



South Group Ladies' Pairs runner-up: Judy Naughton and Micki Horton



South Group Champion of Champions runner up: Enid Gibb

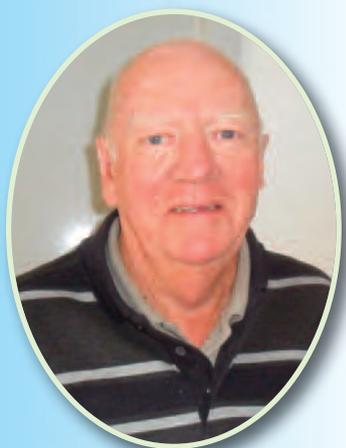


South Group Ladies' Fours winners: Mary Payne (not pictured), Judy Naughton, Micki Horton and Dot Farrell



Div 5 players - pennant runners-up: Mary Payne, Wilma Haringsma (s), Ethel van Maanen, Micki Horton

Selection



Numbers have been good for practice matches and have been very competitive, which looks encouraging for the coming season.

The selection committee has decided to go with the skip tick system this year and the thirds, in conjunction with lead and second, will assess the skips.

If you are unavailable for any games during the year please make sure you put your name on the Tuesday or Saturday lists on the NOTICE BOARD which will make it a lot easier for selection.

If anyone has a problem with selection, don't stress over it; come and talk with us on Tuesdays at approximately 3.30pm, when we pick the sides. You are always welcome.

Good luck to all teams for the coming season.

Norm Hosmer

– Chairman of Selectors Today
at 10:31 AM

Thanks

After calling for members to help with a bit of cleaning before the opening of the season, it was disappointing to have only eight people turn up to help. A big thank you to **Eric Luyters, Janice Moran, Trish Miller, Rudi Pompe, John and**



Pam Uren, Ethel van Maanen and Margo Worsley who helped with the back-breaking task of cleaning the very dirty chairs. I think we were all surprised – once we started scrubbing – just how dirty they were. We then moved in to the kitchen and, although we didn't get all the cupboards cleaned and the stocktake finished, we did get those used more frequently (the ones with the cups, mugs, sugar basins and teapots etc) done. If the council turns up anytime soon we'll certainly pass inspection!!!

Thank you also to **Lyn Davis** who had a clean-up and "renovation" of the waste-paper baskets in the ladies' loos. Another case of not realising how grubby things were until they were cleaned.
– **Judy Naughton, Catering Officer**

And Again

Although the members who worked in the morning to provide the afternoon tea were thanked on the day, I would also like to say thanks.

I would also like to thank those members who helped clear tables, helped with the dishes took home and laundered the tablecloths and the many teatowels used on the day. It was greatly appreciated.

Judy Naughton – Catering Officer

From the Coach

Being a relatively new member of the club has allowed me to observe members' attitude and club workings towards bowling and bowls competitions.

After you have read this I am sure there will be some who will ignore me as being an irrelevant know it all, or someone wanting to change their world; but there may be a few who can see the benefits for the club.

This club has been very successful over the past few years, and the basis of this of segment is to help improve and have the club move forward, or at least maintain its current position.

My observation is that this club has a number of very good bowlers, and an even greater number of potentially very good bowlers. But, as with all good resources, there is always a hidden downside, better known as PRACTICE.

Lawn bowls is, in essence, a very simple game to play, with a very simple mechanical action: find the correct bowling line to suit your bowls, take a normal walking step forward and, with a smooth pendulum-swinging action of the arm, deliver the bowl with the appropriate force, and you will arrive at the jack. Seems simple, it is simple, but you



need to practise this to reach a higher level of achievement.

It should be noted that playing two or three times a week in various competitions is not considered practice and, really, is of no benefit to improving your ability or capability to play consistent bowls

New word to be introduced to all bowls conversations: PRACTICE!

Arthur Scheurer - *Coach*

PIE NIGHT

OCTOBER at 6PM

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ALL WELCOME



Sandra and Carl Lapham welcomed their grandson Rhys Cooper Lapham on 15 May. Rhys is their son Dale and his wife's third son and, so far as Sandra knows, their last. Watch this space!

Deputy Mayor Amanda Stapleton, pictured with Secretary Reg Johnston and President Kerry Davis, having been presented with our very own 'graffiti' package.





Brewers Anonymous

Are you a bowler and a home brewer?

As a result of a casual conversation over a few icy frothies at the club it was decided to form a brewing club for interested members.

Activities will include regular get togethers to discuss, compare and taste the results of our brews as well as social outings to visit boutique breweries.

If this appeals to you contact Eric Sydenham or Damian Brick for more information.

CHEERS

